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AIR FREIGHT UP 9.1% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 22 — Air Freight increased 9.1 percent in the first quarter of 1986, compared with the same period last year, and was up 13.4 percent in March for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, ATA announced today.

Domestic air freight in the first quarter rose 5.4 percent. Mail registered a slight decline of 0.2 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased by 3.9 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in the first quarter was up 14.2 percent. Mail registered a gain of 1.0 percent. Total cargo increased 12.4 percent.

Domestic air freight in March was up 3.5 percent. Mail declined 4.7 percent. The resulting increase in total cargo was 1.4 percent.

The U.S. airlines internatiional air freight in March was up 27.7 percent, with the size of the increase due at least in part to the fact that a major U.S. international carrier was on strike during March of last year. International mail traffic in March had a gain of 4.6 percent. The increase for total cargo was 24.5 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH 1986	317,647	103,176	420,823	271,916	36,175	308,091	589,563	728,914
MARCH 1985	306,868	108,256	415,124	212,967	34,587	247,554	519,835	662,678
PERCENT CHANGE	3.5	(4.7)	1.4	27.7	4.6	24.5	13.4	10.0
3 MONTHS 1986	878,707	290,400	1,169,107	713,490	101,317	814,807	1,592,197	1,983,914
3 MONTHS 1985	834,066	291,065	1,125,131	624,753	100,266	725,019	1,458,819	1,850,150
PERCENT CHANGE	5.4	(0.2)	3.9	14.2	1.0	12.4	9.1	7.2

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.